

II. Remarks

Reconsideration and re-examination of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is herein respectfully requested.

After entering this Amendment, claims 1, 3-20, and 22-25 remain pending.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1, 3-20, 22-25 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 4-24 of co-pending Application No. 10/814,018. A Terminal Disclaimer, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c), is attached hereto thereby overcoming this rejection.

Claims 1, 3-20, 22-25 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 2-5, 7-19, 21-24, 26-29, 31-43, 45-51 of co-pending Application No. 10/826,094. A Terminal Disclaimer, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c), is attached hereto thereby overcoming this rejection.

Claims 1, 3-20, 22-25 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11, 13-16, 18, 20-22, 24-27 of co-pending Application No. 10/814,989. A Terminal Disclaimer, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c), is attached hereto thereby overcoming this rejection. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection as moot.

Claims 1, 3-20, 22-25 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-22 of co-pending Application

No. 11/725,944. A Terminal Disclaimer, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c), is attached hereto thereby overcoming this rejection.

Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejections as moot.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present form of the claims are patentably distinguishable over the art of record and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is requested.

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